

MDS General User Guide

If you have never used our former Map System, please skip this note and start at **Step 1**.

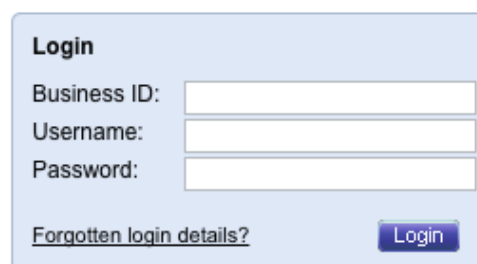
For our existing users, this difference in product names might be useful...

PRODUCT TYPE	OLD NAME	NEW NAME	PLOT SCALES
Plot/Data	Location Map	OS Plan B&W / OS Plan Colour	1:200 - 1:2,500
Plot/Data	Overview Map	1:10,000	1:5,000 / 1:10,000 with Contours only

Login

Use your Business ID, Username and Password, to login at:
www.mapsnmc.co.uk/sitehelp.htm

Step 1



The screenshot shows a 'Login' form with three input fields: 'Business ID:', 'Username:', and 'Password:'. Below the fields is a link for 'Forgotten login details?' and a 'Login' button.

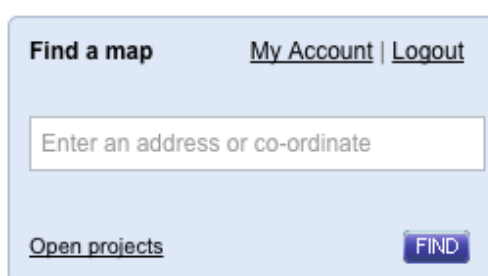
Find Location

Enter an address, postcode or pair of national grid co-ordinates.

You can also open a previous project (saved location.)

Select 'FIND', this opens the **Map Screen** in a new browser window.

Step 2



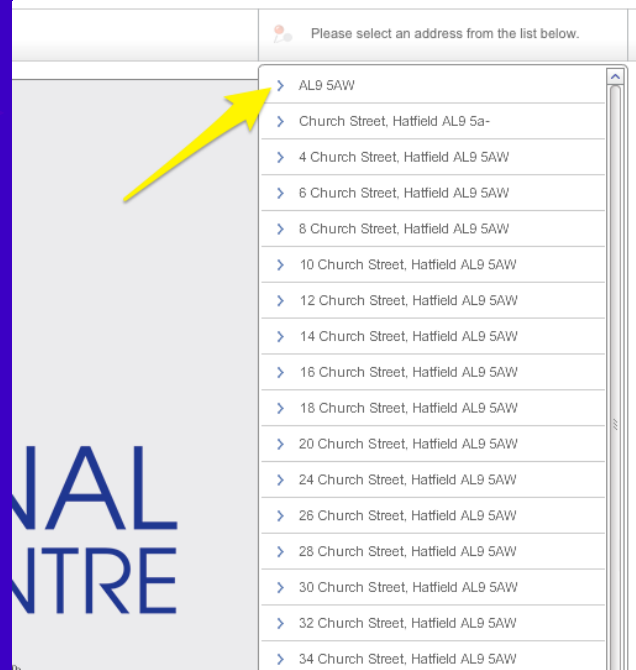
The screenshot shows a 'Find a map' form with a single input field labeled 'Enter an address or co-ordinate'. Below the field is a link for 'Open projects' and a 'FIND' button. At the top right of the form are links for 'My Account' and 'Logout'.

Select the appropriate result from the result list.

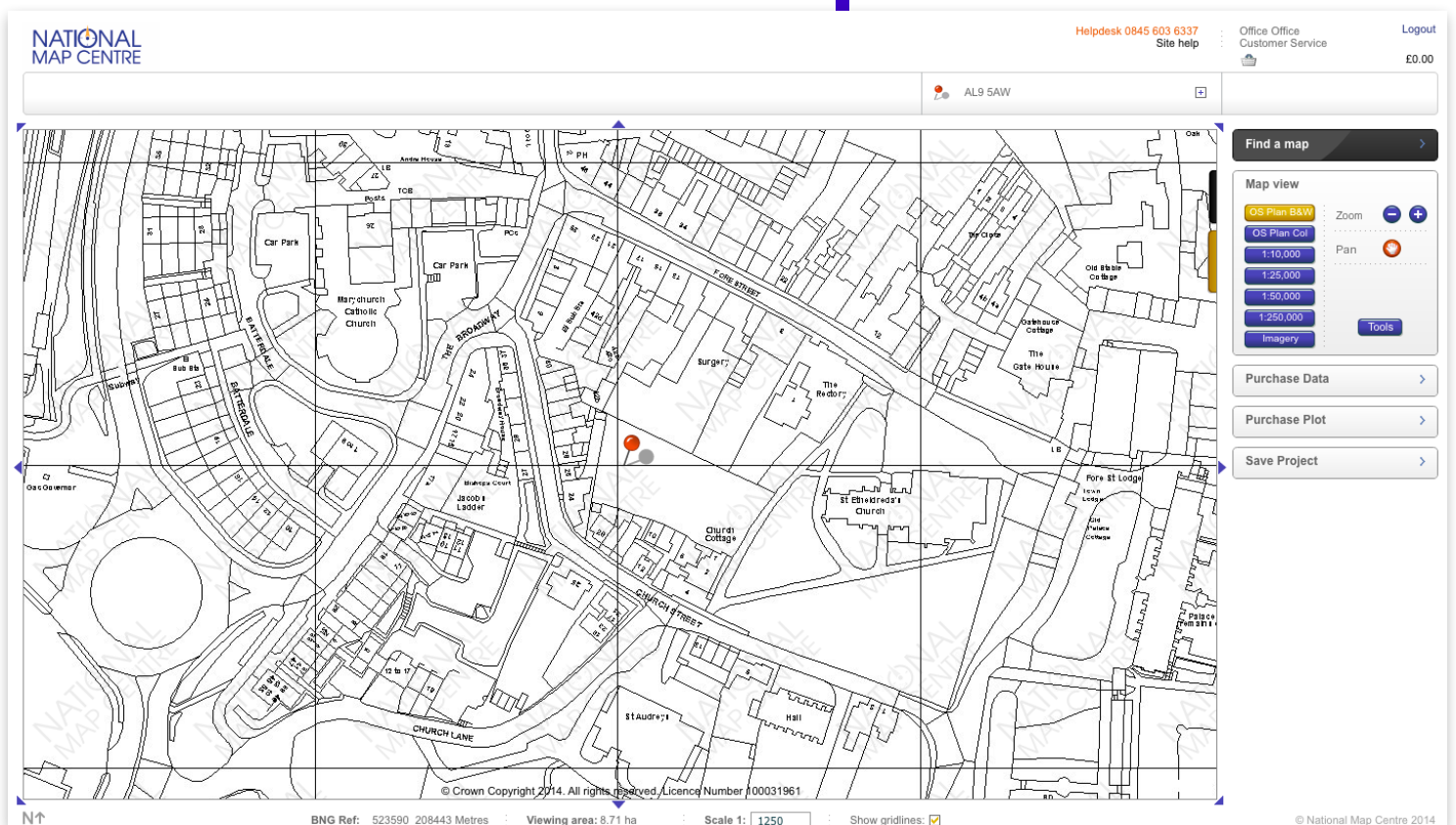
The map centre is marked by a **pin icon** (that will not appear on your purchased map.)

Large Scale background mapping (1:1 > 1:2,500) has **view charges**. If you accept the view charge, you will need to provide a Project Reference to continue.

Step 3



Map Screen



How do I move the mapping on screen?

By default, the mouse icon is in 'pan' mode (see the icon with the hand, on the right.)

If you can not move the mapping, select the pan function.



How do I zoom in/out?

Use the zoom functions on the right.

Click and drag on screen to select an area to zoom in/out of.

Map Views are Zoom Levels, for example:

1:25,000 shows the mapping at that scale in the location on screen.

What is Save Project?

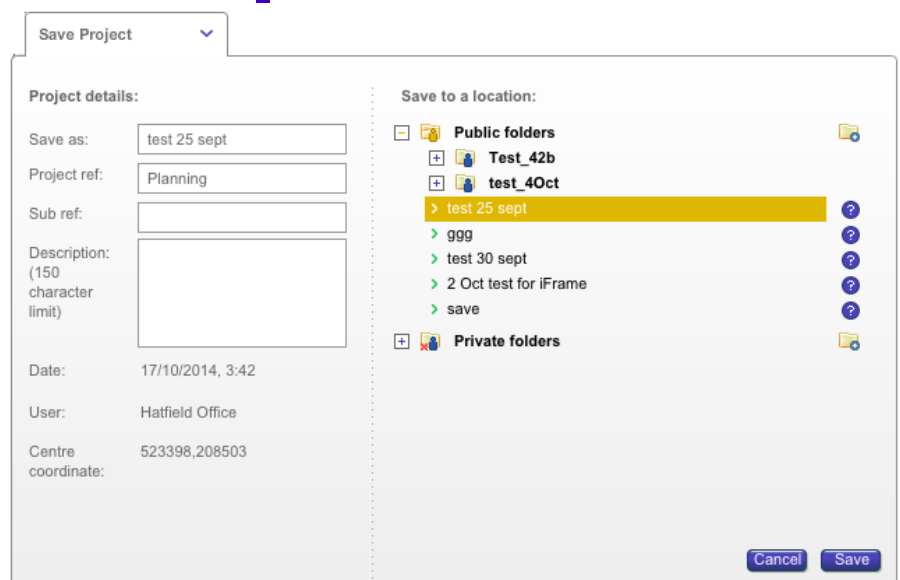
This saves the current location, at the selected scale.

This does not save plot/data export areas.

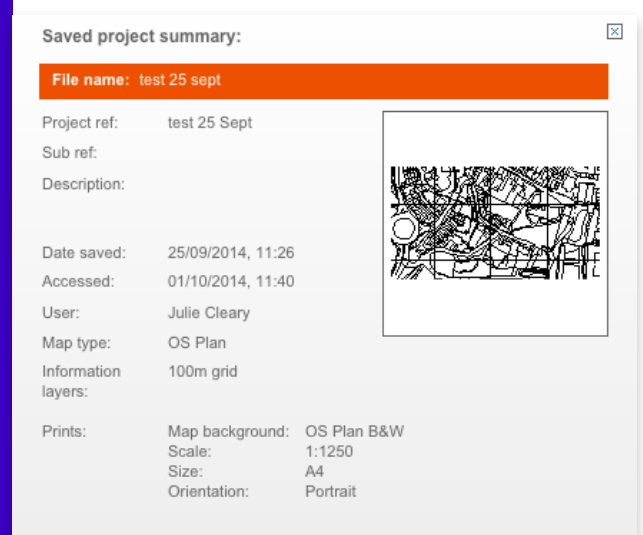
You will need to provide a Name (Filename), and a Project Reference.

These are stored in **Public** or **Private folders**;

Public allows access to *all* account users, and Private only allows access for the current user.



Tip: In these folders, use the '?' help tip symbol, next to a project name, to see a small summary.



Choose Product

Purchase Data

For data, skip ahead to the Purchase Data section, below.

Purchase Plot

How to download an A4 plot

You have found your area on screen, and chosen Purchase Plot, next you get the 'Print Options' panel.

Step 4

Purchase Data

Purchase Plot

Save Project

Step 5

Print options:

1 Select map background: OS Plan B&W 2 ☒ Add gridlines

3 Size: A4 Area: 4.00 ha

4 Orientation: ☒ Portrait ☐ Landscape

5 Select scale: 1:1250

6 Format: PDF

7 ☒ Use a NMC template

Template details:

Insert a logo: Company_Logo.png

Title: Map Title

Additional Text (350 character limit):
8 Some extra text

Price:	9	£	25.00
VAT:		£	5.00
Total:		£	30.00

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You will need Adobe Reader: Get ADOBE READER

Print Options

1. Select **Map Background** (available choice is related to scale and coverage selected.)
 2. Select **Add Gridlines** tick box.
 3. Choose **Paper size** - A4, A3
 4. Select **Orientation** - Portrait (default), Landscape
 5. Select **Scale** - Availability corresponds to the background map selected.
 6. Choose **Format** - PDF (default), JPG
 7. Select **template** (tick box)
 8. This allows you to add a **Title**, **Additional text**, and **Insert a Logo** to the map.
 9. **Price Summary** - Excludes View Charges generated during order process.
- Notes:** These can be found on a per session basis, from the 'shopping basket' amount on the Map Screen (upper-right corner) by selecting the value shown.
10. Select **Continue** to proceed...

Save Project and name Download

Provide a Download Name and a Project Reference, then select **Create**.

Step 6

Print options:

Select map background: ☒ Add gridlines

Size: Area: 4.00 ha

Orientation: ☒ Portrait ☐ Landscape

Select scale:

Format:

☒ Use a NMC template

Rename your print download here:

Project ref:

Sub ref:

If needed, view recent downloads with [My Account](#).

If you have any questions please call NMC Helpdesk or email.

This download will be added to your monthly invoice.

By clicking 'Order now' you will be agreeing to NMC's terms and conditions.

[Back](#)

[Create](#)

Download files

This appears after a short pause, or can be selected from the tabs on the Map Screen.

Choose the arrow button next to 'Ready to download' when available. This allows you to save your file to a known location on your computer.

All Done.

Step 7



Notes: If you need to get the file again, you can also retrieve it from **My Account**
- Find the second step of the login process, in the panel is a link for 'My Account'.

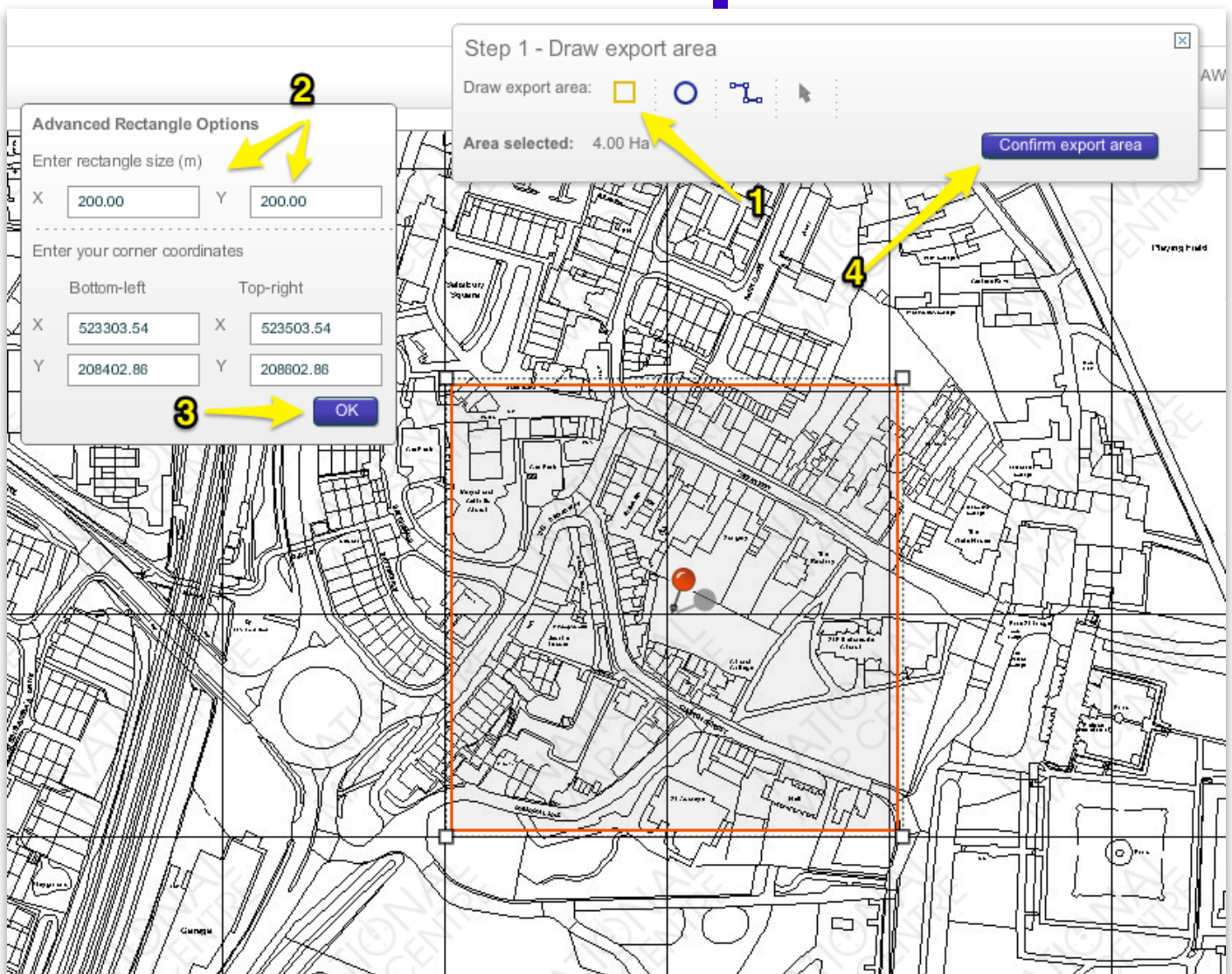
How to download DXF Data

You need to accurately find your location before selecting **Purchase Data** because you can not move the background mapping while the export selection is in progress.

When you select Purchase Data, you get the **Draw export area** panel and these options:

- Rectangle (suggested default)
- Circle
- Polygon

Step 5



Rectangle

Click and drag to select area, can also specify exact width/height in metres, e.g. 200m x 200m (4 ha.) Can not specify centre co-ordinates, but can specify bottom-left, top-right co-ordinates if known.

Circle

Radius distance in metres, optional centre co-ordinates.

Polygon

Click and drag to select area. Additionally, there are functions to Edit, Add, or Delete polygon nodes accordingly. There is the ability to add Buffer Radius amount (metres)...but use with caution as there is no 'Undo' option for this at the moment.

Moving your Export Area

After making your export area selection, the mouse-cursor changes to the select object shape of an arrow, click and drag anywhere inside the shape to move it.

If the arrow is not shown, choose the **Select Object** arrow from the 'Draw Export area' panel.

Confirm Export Area

When you're satisfied that the export area covers what you need, choose the **Confirm export area** button on the 'Draw Export area' panel.

Step 6

Select the layers and related options

If you are ordering standard DXF data, select **OS Plan 1 yr licence** and choose your format (e.g. DXF or DWG)

Notes: Only choose TAB or SHP if you have software that supports those formats.

If you need a 2 year or 3 year licence instead, then choose those, but only select one as needed or you'll be charged for multiple data amounts.

Other data selections, based on your export area size, are also available.

Step 2 - Select the layers and related options

Area selected: 4.00 Ha

Product layer	Format	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordnance Survey base mapping		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Plan 1 yr licence	DXF	£ 37.50
<input type="checkbox"/> OS Plan 2 yr licence	DWG	£ 72.00
<input type="checkbox"/> OS Plan 3 yr licence	DWG	£ 103.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:10 000 Scale Raster	TIF	£ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:25 000 Scale Raster	TIF	£ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:50 000 Scale Raster	TIF	£ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:250 000 Scale Raster	TIF	£ 25.00

Step 3 - Confirm details and continue purchase

Export Summary

Name: Office Office	Price: £ 37.50
Company: Customer Service	VAT: £ 7.50
Project reference: 17Nov_Data	Total: £ 45.00
Sub reference:	

Cancel Continue

Confirm details and continue purchase

At this stage, there is a **Price Summary** (excluding View Charges generated during order process.)

Notes: View Charges can be found on a per session basis, from the 'shopping basket' amount on the Map Screen (upper-right corner) by selecting the value shown.

You will need to provide a **Project Reference** name, then select **Continue** to proceed....

Step 7

Save Project and name Download

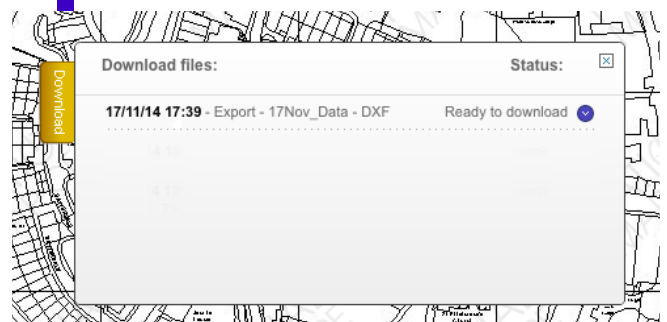
Provide a Download Name and the specified Project Reference, then select **Create**.

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